THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS — AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION OF No. 233 (GENERAL RECONNAISSANCE) SQUADRON

No. 233 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron has now formed at Filton and will move to Tangmere on June 20.

C.F.S. 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

To mark the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Central Flying School, R.A.F., a reunion dinner for officers on the strength of the C.F.S. before and during the war, and on the Staff since that period, will be held at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, London, W.1, on Friday, June 18, 1937. Particulars may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Central Flying School Reunion Dinner, Central Flying School, Royal Air Force, Upavon, Marlborough, Wilts.

EX-APPRENTICES HOLIDAY TOUR

It has been suggested by a number of ex-Aircraft Apprentices that a summer holiday Continental tour should be organised for ex-Apprentices, to be run on the lines of the annual Halton Belgium Tours, but on a rather more ambitious scale. An experimental tour of this nature is being planned for this year, and will be organised provided sufficient support is forthcoming. The dates will be August 4 to August 15, 16 or 17, and the places visited will probably include Brussels, Cologne, a trip on the Rhine, Heidelberg, Nuremburg, Munich and the Bavarian Alps, with a possible extension into Austria. The party will be limited to ex-Apprentices (and the past or present staffs of the Apprentice Training Schools), with the exception that an ex-Apprentice may invite one friend—preferably a member of the Royal Air Force.

The tour will be open to ex-Apprentices of any rank, but not to the present Apprentices, for whom the annual Belgium Tour is being run as usual. Anyone interested should communicate at once with Mr. A. C. Kermode, Purwell Mill House, Hitchin, Herts.

SALONIKA ARMY AND BLACK SEA FORCES

The Coronation Year Dinner of the Salonika Army and Black Sea Forces will take place on Ascot-week Friday, June 18, at the Café Royal, 68, Regent Street, London, W.1, at 7.15 for 8 p.m.

Tickets (exclusive of wines, but including gratuities) are 14s. 6d. each, and may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the dinner, Major Elliot Bell, 68, Regent Street, London, W.1 (Regent 8240).

Field Marshal Lord Milne, G.C.B., will preside as usual. It is particularly hoped that a strong R.F.C. and R.A.F. table will be formed; Flt. Lt. R. C. Preston, A.F.C., Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks, is the member of the committee representing these Forces, and he will be interested to hear from all intending diners.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GAZETTE

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General Duties Branch

Flt. Lt. P. F. Canning is granted a permanent commission in that rank (April 20).

The following Acting Pilot Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments and graded as Pilot Officers on the dates stated:—P. H. G. Beazley, T. H. Stockdale (January 6); R. S. Blake (April 24).

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—J. F. H. du Boulay (April 1); J. W. Buchanan, P. N. J. Wilkins, J. C. Evans, G. N. Amison, G. R. Howie (April 23); I. W. Braye (May 12).

The following Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer on the date stated:—R. H. Spencer (seniority June 3, 1936) (September 3, 1936); R. G. Forshaw (March 14); E. W. Martin (March 21).

Wing Cdr. J. C. Slessor, M.C., is placed on the half-pay list, Scale B, from April 19 to 30 inclusive; Sqn. Ldr. D. S. Earp, D.F.C., is placed on the retired list at his own request (May 5); Flt. Lt. E. R. Berry is transferred to the Equipment Branch on probation (April 19); the short service commission of Acting Pilot Officer on probation E. T. Watson is terminated on cessation of duty (April 30).

Equipment Branch

Pilot Officer on probation N. V. Lindemere is confirmed in his appointment and promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (January 6); F/O. G. A. Durnford is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health (May 8).

Medical Branch

The following Flight Lieutenants are promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader on the dates stated:—R. E. Alderson, M.B., B.S., D.M.R.E. (May 1); J. Kemp, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (May 2).

Commissioned Engineer Officers

The following Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments on the dates stated:—J. C. Steadman (April 14); C. T. McKnight (April 22).

Commissioned Signals Officers

The following Flying Officers on probation are confirmed in their appointments on the dates stated:—F. W. G. Aggett (March 18); A. W. Coe (April 16).

Memorandum

The permission granted to P. A. H. de Metz to retain the rank of Lieutenant is withdrawn with effect from April 2.

ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE

Reserve of Air Force Officers

General Duties Branch

A. G. Hill is granted a commission as Flying Officer in Class A with effect from May 4 and with seniority of May 3, 1928.

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants in Class C on the dates stated:—Capt. H. T. O. Windsor, M.C. (April 5); Lt. G. Brenton-Coward, D.F.C. (November 23, 1936); Sec. Lt. A. H. C. Derby (January 4).

F/O. J. Hall is transferred from Class A to Class C (March 4); F/O. J. G. Butt-Reed is transferred from Class C to Class A (May 8); F/O. J. F. Truscott relinquishes his commission on completion of service (March 18); the notification in the *Gazette* of April 21, 1936, concerning F/O. J. T. Hall is cancelled.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

General Duties Branch

No. 601 (COUNTY OF LONDON) (FIGHTER) SQUADRON.—C. P. Green is granted a commission as Pilot Officer (March 26).

ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Appointments.—The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

General Duties Branch

Air Vice-Marshal.—H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., to Headquarters, No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group, Lee-on-the-Solent; on appointment as Air Officer Commanding, 27.4.37.

Wing Commanders.—H. M. Probyn, D.S.O., to Headquarters, No. 12 (Fighter) Group, Uxbridge; for Air Staff duties, 26.4.37. P. Warburton, M.B.E., to Special Duty List, whilst employed with the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office, 1.4.37. W. Elliott, D.F.C., to Special Duty List, for duty as Assistant Secretary (Air) to the Committee of Imperial Defence, 1.4.37. H. V. Drew, O.B.E., A.F.C., to No. 37 (Bomber) Squadron, Feltwell; to command, 26.4.37. S. L. G. Pope, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Station, Debden; to command, 21.4.37.

Squadron Leaders.—A. MacGregor, M.B.E., D.F.C., to R.A.F. Station, Abbotsinch; to command, 25.4.37. A. E. Paish, to No. 97 (Bomber) Squadron, Leconfield; for flying duties, 22.4.37. H. M. Whittle, to Headquarters, No. 2 (Bomber) Group, Andover; for Air Staff duties, 26.4.37. R. T. Taaffe, to No. 223 (Bomber) Squadron, Naironi; to command, 8.4.37.

Flying Officer.—S. G. Pritchard, to No. 7 Flying Training School, Peterborough, 26.4.37.